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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 44-63, drawn to an apparatus for producing hollow strands.

Group II, claim(s) 64-78, drawn to a process for producing a hollow strand.

Group III, claim(s) 79, drawn to a fiber.

The inventions listed as Groups I, II, and III do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

It is considered that groups I, II, and III have the following common technical features:

- i. A means to draw and provide settable liquid, with
- ii. A nozzle with outer shell and a needle to produce a hollow strand, with
- iii. A hollow strand being produced therebetween the outer shell and needle with hollow body strand projecting out of the nozzle.

2. It is considered that such common technical features are well known in the hollow strand production art. For example, it is considered that the instant claimed distinguishing features above are disclosed in Wilson <US 2765586>. Accordingly, since the common technical features are known in the art, it is considered that groups I, II, and III all lack corresponding special technical features.

3. A telephone call was made to Mr. Charles Ruggiero to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement may be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To preserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DEMARIS R. WILSON whose telephone number is (571)272-6377. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-5 Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven Griffin can be reached on 571.272.1189. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.


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